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Turkey feast for holiday



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

DAY OF THE BIG BIRD — Officers' Club chef Tracy Hawthorne and executive chef Mike Barra display a dressed roasted tom turkey, typical of what the club will serve for its annual Thanksgiving Day Feast on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The club has 500 pounds of turkey stocked. Thanksgiving Leftovers Lunch will be served Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information and reservations, see Page 11.



Pirates called first terrorists

Former Ambassador and Secretary of the Navy Middendorf says President Thomas Jefferson dealt with terrorism back in 1801.

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Food baskets sent to needy

Thirty-five volunteers pack 79 Thanksgiving food baskets at the Chapel of Hope to be distributed to needy military families.

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Rugby players are All Navy

Two lieutenants at Navy Newport make All Navy rugby team and compete in the Armed Forces Championship at Camp Lejeune.

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Roving reporter

Our question:

Who would you like to have at your Thanksgiving table, and why?

“(Security Adviser) Condoleezza Rice. I think she would be very interesting to talk to about the world today and the future.”

— **Mary Neal**
of Portsmouth, R.I.

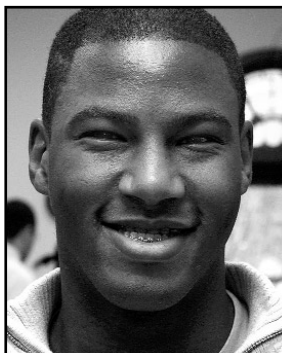


“My parents. To have a family meal that means something, and for the holiday.”

— **CM2 Joshua Marker**
NAVSTA Self-Help
of New Carlisle, Ind.

“I would love to have my parents and all my grandparents around my table because they taught me the meaning of the holidays. I miss them, especially this time of the year.”

— **Cmdr. Carrie Nielson**
Command Leadership
School
of Poulsbo, Wash.



“Since Thanksgiving is a holiday that celebrates thankfulness, I would like to spend it with my family in New Orleans.”

— **YN2 Shawn Simmons**
Naval Reserve Readiness
Command, Northeast
of New Orleans, La.

“My family in Louisiana. My husband and I will not be able to go to Louisiana and my family will not be able to come to Rhode Island.”

— **RPCS Vicky Spencer**
Naval Chaplains School
of Houma, La.



NAVSTA recognizes first Americans

By **BOB KREKORIAN**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

To commemorate the traditional First Thanksgiving in 1621 between the Pilgrims and native Americans, Naval Station Newport today observes National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

Mohegan Tribe member White Raven (Shane Long) will be the keynote speaker this morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Building 690 Atrium. He is a grandson of the late Dorothy Long who is a direct descendant of Mohegan Chief Uncas. White Raven is a community and cultural specialist with the Cultural Programs Department of the Mohegan Tribe Council of Elders, Uncasville, Conn.

The presentation will include the history of the Mohegan Tribe and how other eastern Indians lived.

A heritage lunch will be on the menu at Ney Hall galley starting at 11:30 a.m. The menu includes vegetable soup, buffalo rib-eye roll with natural pan gravy, baked salmon, baked potatoes, steamed brown rice, corn on the cob, baked squash and corn bread.



Mohegan Tribe member White Raven (Shane Long) will speak this morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Building 690 Atrium.

Clothing drive launched for wounded U.S. troops

The Bowen's Open Window Foundation (BOWF), a volunteer organization in the Kaiserslautern military community in Germany, is soliciting clothing for the injured/wounded troops being admitted to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) there.

BOWF's mission is to look after the wounded and their families, and to ensure their needs are taken care of as long as they are in Germany.

LRMC receives on average 200 to 300 patients every two weeks, sometimes more per week depending on the mission and ensuing fighting. Currently, LRMC is receiving about 75 injured per day since the siege of Fallujah began.

The patients arrive from triage stations at the front lines, and arrive wearing only hospital gowns. When they are transported to other hospitals they have no clothing in which to travel.

The following items are needed:

- Large (L), Extra Large (XL), Extra Extra Large (XXL) sweat sets (pants and tops)
- Men's and women's underwear, various sizes
- House shoes, various sizes

- Winter hats, gloves and scarves
- Christmas cards and thank-you notes for their military service

All clothing items must be brand new—with tags still attached.

To contribute, mail your donated items to the following point of contact who will deliver them to the BOWF for distribution at LRMC:

Kathi MacLeod
Warrior Preparation Center

Einsiedlerhof AS, Germany
USAFE WPC/J5
Unit 3050, Box 20
APO AE 09094

Cmdr. Jane Brill, Naval War College, said donors may be able to use Military Postal Service (MPS) if their command's return address is used (military base to military base). Check with the Naval War College mailroom or Naval Station Newport Post Office to find out the rules regarding using official mail for this purpose.

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Former ambassador says pirates were first terrorists

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor

A former Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) said the war against terrorism is nothing new, and in fact, President Thomas Jefferson took action against a form of terrorism back in 1801.

Former Ambassador J. William Middendorf II, who was SECNAV from 1974-77, was guest speaker last Friday at the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) luncheon at the Officers' Club.

The luncheon was attended by retired Vice Adm. Tom Weschler of Newport and retired Rear Adm. Joseph Strasser, former president of the Naval War College. The president of MOAA is retired Air Force Col. David Fink.

Middendorf said the fledgling colonial America was routinely paying ransom to the Barbary Coast pirates to let American merchant ships pass freely through the Mediterranean.

When Jefferson became president 1801 he decided he'd had enough of piracy, so against the recommendation of Congress and his own Cabinet, launched a Navy and Marine force against the pirates, called the Barbary Wars. Ironically, the pirates were from Islamic kingdoms in North Africa – in Tripoli, Tunis, Morocco and Algiers.

"By 1814, the United States was the only country in the world no longer preyed upon by these terrorists on the high seas," Middendorf said.

Middendorf, 80, who was U.S. ambassador to the European Communities in 1985-87, says the Navy is building far too few ships per year, though he admits the technology of today's fleet is infinitely better



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

Former Ambassador and Secretary of the Navy J. William Middendorf II, left, meets retired Capt. George Smith, program director, Military Officers Association of America, before a luncheon at the Officers' Club last week.

than ships he served on in World War II.

The DD(X) surface combatant with a crew of only 150 has hundreds of times the firepower of 20th century warships, and the Virginia class submarine has "overwhelming capabilities," he said.

Middendorf said he still strongly believes in the aircraft carrier, and would hate to see fewer than 12 in the U.S. Fleet.

He said 34 percent of our naval forces currently are deployed.

"We have 98 ships and 11 submarines deployed today, with 154 ships and 25 submarines underway," he said. "There are 900,000 in the Navy, counting active duty,

reservists, and Department of the Navy civilians. But the Navy has never been smaller."

Middendorf is concerned about recent news that Russia is researching and successfully testing new nuclear missile systems. President Vladimir Putin's defense minister said in news reports that Russia expected to test fire a mobile version of its Topol-M ballistic missile this year, and that production of the new weapon could be commissioned in 2005.

"The Communist Chinese are building submarines at a furious rate, too," he said.

The current secretary-treasurer of the International Republican Institute said the U.S. will gradually consolidate its major bases in Italy, South Korea, Germany and Japan, and focus on creating mobile access bases in allied, host countries.

"The U.S. is trying to improve Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) which is an interagency program with developing eastern European nations to share information and monitor hot spots.

Nominations sought for worthy enlisted

Nominations are being accepted for the annual Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport Servicemember of the Year program. All area commands are eligible and encouraged to participate.

Co-sponsored by the Newport County Navy League, the program honors the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals from various sectors of Naval Station Newport.

The winners will be honored at individual award ceremonies by the Newport Coun-

ty Navy League and various Newport area service clubs.

In accordance with NAVSTAINST 6610.2D, commands should submit nominations through their chain of command to the Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, via code N01P, according to the following schedule:

Senior Enlisted Service Member of the Year, no later than Dec. 8;

Junior Enlisted Service Member of the Year, no later than Jan. 8, 2005.

A number of things...

1801

The year that President Thomas Jefferson decided to end America's first terrorist threat—the Barbary Coast pirates of North Africa.

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The number of years that a Surface Warfare Officers School Command administrative secretary has worked in civil service serving the Navy.

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The number of baskets packed at the Chapel of Hope and distributed to military families in the annual Naval Station Newport Thanksgiving food drive this year.

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Christmas in Middletown Craft Fair



Friday, November 26th
5:00 PM-9:00 PM
Saturday, November 27th
10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Middletown Senior Center
650 Green End Avenue
Middletown, RI

Featuring Professional Crafters from Rhode Island,
Massachusetts and Connecticut

Bravo zulu

SWOS office administrator logs 40 years of civil service

By YNC G. DOHERTY
SWOSCOLCOM Public Affairs Officer

Mrs. Connie Spofford, the Surface Warfare Officers School Division Officer Course (SWOSDOC) administrative officer and the school director's secretary, was recognized

Nov. 10 for 40 years civil service.

Her award was presented by Rear Adm. (sel.) Mark Buzby, Commanding Officer, SWOSCOLCOM, before change of command ceremonies in Weakley Hall.

Spofford first started work-

ing for the Navy at U.S. Sub-base Groton, New London, Conn., in 1964, Justice School Newport in 1966, Officer Candidate School Newport in 1967, and SWOSDOC's former classroom building, Callaghan Hall, when it opened in 1974.

Last June, she helped cut the ribbon to open the new Memorial Hall on Coasters' Harbor Island.

She was asked which events stand out in memory through the past four decades.

"I've seen President Nixon and President George Bush," she said, "and I survived the Blizzard of '78.

She said she remembers coming back from lunch that February day and wondering where everyone was.

"It was like a ghost town," she said. "they had closed the base while I was at lunch. Everyone was leaving the base as I was trying to get back on."

Mrs. Spofford said she has attended numerous ship commissionings and changes of commands over the years.

She said the destroyer USS Fitzgerald stands out in her mind as it was commanded by

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YNC Ginamarie Doherty/U.S. Navy photo

Mrs. Connie Spofford receives her 40-year civil service award from Rear Adm. (Sel.) Mark Buzby before his change of command ceremony at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command in Weakley Hall on Nov. 10.



YNC Ginamarie Doherty/U.S. Navy photo

Rear Adm. John Kelly, left, Commander, Navy Warfare Development Command, presents the Legion of Merit Award to Rear Adm. (sel.) Mark H. Buzby during change of command ceremonies on Nov. 10 in Weakley Hall. Buzby was relieved by Capt. George Ponsolle.



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THE COLOR GUARD, LEFT, enters Capt. Howard Kay Hall, Naval Station NewPort, as ceremonies get underway last Friday for Seaman to Admiral-21/Naval Science Institute Class 0407 graduation. One hundred forty-six officer candidates completed the eight-week program.

Announcements

Try wine free for the holidays

The 13th annual Thanksgiving Wine Tasting will take place today, 1 to 5 p.m., at the Navy Exchange Package Store at Naval Station Newport.

Come sample the various wines available to serve for the holidays. Complimentary food, drawings and other surprises are also planned.

Thrift Shop posts its holiday hours

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop donation bin is closed through Nov. 27. The Thrift Shop Store will be closed through Nov. 29.

The donation bin will reopen Nov. 28, and the Thrift Shop will open for operation on Nov. 30.

During the Christmas holiday season, the donation bin will be closed from Dec. 17 through Jan. 2, 2005. The Thrift Shop will be closed from Dec 17 through Jan. 3. The donation bin will open again on Jan. 3 Jan., and the Thrift Shop on Jan. 4.

ITT Office to close for day

The Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 10, because of the annual trip to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular in New York.

The office will re-open on Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 841-3116.

Native American menu

In observance of National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, the Ney Hall galley will serve a traditional heritage meal during the lunch period, today beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The menu includes vegetable soup, buffalo rib eye roll with natural pan gravy or baked salmon, baked potatoes, steamed brown rice, corn on the cob, baked squash and corn bread.

Fleet and Family Support open later on Thursdays

To better serve customers the Fleet and Family Support Center will change its hours of operation.

Beginning Dec. 1, the FFSC will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Thursday. On all other weekdays the FFSC will be open its normal working hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call FFSC at 841-2283.

ITT Office has Santa Suits

Just in the nick of time, the Information, Tickets & Travel Office, Building 1121 has Santa Claus suits for rent! Cost is just \$25 per business day payable at the time of registration. For more information, please call 841-3116.



Kelly Conner/MWR photo

WATCH THE TOES – Maryann and Ori Hernstadt of New York, who are visiting her parents in Portsmouth, practice their dance steps during free Salsa lessons at the Topside Pub, Officers' Club last Friday night. The instructor is Sara Coelho. The last of three nights of instruction will be Dec. 3 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Blood drives on base

The Rhode Island Blood Center in Providence has scheduled blood drives at the Naval War College on Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., from two mobile donor coaches in front of Spruance and Conolly Halls.

The next blood drives will be at the Naval Academy Prep School on Dec. 10 from 2 to 6 p.m. in Capt. Howard Kay Hall; and at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) on Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lower level of Building 80.

MWR closes facilities for Thursday, Friday

The following Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department facilities will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26, for the Thanksgiving holiday:

The Auto Skills Shop, the Ski Shop, the Seaview Lanes Bowling Center, the Computer Café, Enlisted Lounges, Fitness PLUS, the Information, Tickets and Travel Office, Pool 307, Veterinary Clinic, and MWR administrative offices.

Gym 109 will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, and open on Friday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Officers' Club will be open on Thursday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Friday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Thanksgiving leftovers.

Health Benefits Fair slated at Building A-63

A Health Benefits Fair has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building A-63 lunchroom.

Representatives from several of the plans will be available to give out specific plan information. All hands please spread the word.

The fair is open to all civilian employees throughout the Naval Station Newport area.

Special events

Chowder Cookoff to benefit CFC

The First and Second Class Petty Officers Associations at Naval Station Newport will hold a Chowder Cookoff on Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Building 690 Atrium. All hands and commands are welcome.

All proceeds will be contributed to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). A donation of \$4 per bowl is suggested and includes a soft drink or water, and crackers.

Family Fun Challenge wants you

Gather your family members together to compete in the Family Fun Challenge on Friday, Dec. 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Gym 109.

Families will participate in the following activities: obstacle courses, assembling a Christmas tree, singing Christmas carols, trivia games, and more. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will also be available.

Families must register by Wednesday, Dec. 1, and all members have to be 5 years old and up to participate. For more information, call Gym 109 at 841-7196.

Get your photo with Santa Claus and have car seat checked, too

Children can get their picture taken with Santa and parents can have their children's car seats checked for safety by the Health Promotion Department at the Richard De Wert Medical Clinic (NACC).

This event will be Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the MWR Ski Shop, and is open to all eligible patrons (military and DoD).

Note from Santa can be arranged

Do you know a special child (or two) who is under age 8 and would be thrilled to receive a personal letter from Santa Claus at the North Pole? It's easy to get one.

Go to Gym 109 and fill out Santa's form providing the child's name and other information needed to customize the letter (teacher's name, special gifts wanted, names of siblings, pets, interests, etc.) Provide a stamped envelope, and Santa will address it and send the child a personalized letter.

Children's information can be dropped off at the director's office in Gym 109. Requests will not be accepted after Dec. 3, so get all your information in early! For more information call Gym 109 at 841-7196.



SWING DANCE

Saturday, Dec. 4 • 5:30 - 10:30pm

Music By: Rick "Swing Daddy" Orcutt
Big Band, Blues & Oldies

5:30 pm-on DINNER & WINE BAR!
Plus Gift Baskets & Silent Auction

DANCING: 6:30-10:30pm - No Partner Needed
\$8 per person/\$15 per couple (food not included)

WHERE: St. George's Church

14 Rhode Island Ave., Newport (next to Newport Hosp., off Broadway)
DIRECTIONS/INFO: 847-3472 or stgeorgesnewport@earthlink.net
Ample FREE Parking



Kelly Conner/MWR photo

Marty Sullivan, left, Gym 109 manager, serves pizza to Shayna Johnson, 12, as kids line up for refreshments at the Military Youth Activities' Kids Night last Friday night. About 80 children signed up for basketball, swimming at Pool 307 and viewed movies while their parents went holiday shopping.

MWR announces hours during holiday period

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department has announced changes in hours of operation during the holiday stand-down period next month.

Gym 109 will be open from Dec. 20 to 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., then close Dec. 24 and 25, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The gym will reopen Dec. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and sustain those hours through Dec. 30.

The gym will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, and reopen Jan. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Regular hours of operation will resume on Jan 3.

The Ski Shop will only open Dec. 20 to 23 if weather conditions permit skiing or snowboarding. The Ski Shop will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan. 2

The MWR Administrative Offices will be open Dec. 20 to 23, from 8 a.m. to noon only, and then close until Jan. 3.

The following MWR facilities will be closed from Dec. 20 through Jan. 2:

The Enlisted Lounges, the Seaview Lanes Bowling Center, the Computer Café, the Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT) Office, the Veterinary Clinic, Auto Skills, Fitness Plus, Pool 307 and the Officers' Club.

What's going on

Big bird on menu at galley

If you are unable to make it home or be with family for Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow, the Ney Hall Galley at Naval Station Newport is the next best thing to being there. Dinner will be served from 3 to 5 p.m. All hands are welcome. Cost is \$5.40 per person.

The Thanksgiving dinner menu includes: shrimp cocktail; roast tom turkey with gravy; baked spiral ham w/pineapple sauce; prime rib w/au jus; mashed potatoes; candied sweet potatoes; savory bread dressing; broccoli w/cheese sauce; baked acorn squash; dinner rolls; assorted pies; assorted cheese and cracker and cookie tray; and more.

TODAY, Nov. 24

- National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month observance, Mohegan tribal member White Raven, Building 690 Atrium, 10:30 a.m.

- Heritage lunch, 11:30 a.m., Ney Hall Galley. Menu includes vegetable soup, buffalo rib eye roll with natural pan gravy, baked salmon, baked potatoes, steamed brown rice, corn on the cob, baked squash, and corn bread..

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. Let the "Y" care for your child(ren) while you take some time for yourself. \$12.50 for the first child, and \$7.50 for each additional child..
- Kids Sewing No. 4, 4 to 5:30 p.m..

- Fleet and Family Support Center video, *Keeping Kids Safe*, Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

- Instructional seminar, "Effective Resumes," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

THURSDAY, Nov. 25

- Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department facilities closed for Thanksgiving, including Gym 109, Fitness Plus and Pool 307.

- Officers' Club open for Thanksgiving buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

- Armed Services YMCA closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

- Fleet and Family Support Center video, *Keeping Kids Safe*, Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

- Thanksgiving soup kitchen, Seaman's Church Institute, 1 to 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, Nov. 26

- Basewide holiday food drive collection continues through holiday season. Boxes in place at NAVSTA and tenant commands.

- Fleet and Family Support Center (841-2283)

- Lunch and Learn Movvie Matinee, "The Magic of Family Meetings," from the Active Parenting Series, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Fleet and Family Support Center video, *The Joy of Stress*, Newport Naval Cable channel 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

- Officers' Club open for leftover Thanksgiving lunch.

- Soup kitchen at Martin Luther King Center, 8:30 a.m., Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, military volunteers welcome. Also, Salvation Army, 5 to 5:45 p.m.

- Russian Submarine Museum Juliett open to visitors, 484 Collier Point Park, Providence. For more information, visit www.saratogomuseum.org Also, open Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, Nov. 27

- Santa Express begins through Dec. 19, weekends, Newport Dinner Train, 19 America's Cup Avenue, Newport. Mrs. Claus entertains with stories songs and more. Call 1-800 398-RIBS.

- Fleet and Family Support Center video, *The Joy of Stress*, Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

- Soup kitchen at Community Baptist Church, 4:30 p.m., Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard. Military volunteers welcome.

SUNDAY, Nov. 28

- Chapel of Hope Sunday worship services:

- Protestant service, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

- Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon.

- Fleet and Family Support Center video, *The Joy of Stress*, Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

- Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Military volunteers welcome.

MONDAY, Nov. 29

- Naval Station Newport Federal Employees Health Benefits Fair, Building A-63 lunchroom, Naval Station Newport, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622)

- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. Let the "Y" care for your

child(ren) while you take some time for yourself. \$12.50 for the first child, and \$7.50 for each additional child.

- Open Sewing, 6 to 9 p.m.

- Mini Baby Album, 7 to 9 p.m.

- Fleet and Family Support Center video, *Dealing with Conflict and Confrontation, Volume I*, Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

- Winter boat berthing through April 30, NAVSTA Newport Marina. \$15 per foot for military personnel/\$18 per foot for DoD personnel. Call 841-3283 for more information.

- Soup kitchen, 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church; and 5 p.m. at Trinity Church.

TUESDAY, Nov. 30

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Fitness Babysitting, 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Childcare available for children over 10 months. \$4 for the first child, then \$1 each additional child.

- Scrapbooking with Sara, 9 a.m. to noon.

- Adult Beginner Sewing No. 4, 9 a.m. top noon.

- Fleet and Family Support Center video, *Dealing with Conflict and Confrontation, Volume II*, Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport; and 5 p.m., United Baptist Church, Spring Street.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 1

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. Let the "Y" care for your child(ren) while you take some time for yourself. \$12.50 for the first child, and \$7.50 for each additional child..

- 34th annual Christmas in Newport celebration begins through Dec. 31. Monthlong, citywide calendar of events featuring centers, dance decorative house tours, tree lighting ceremony and more. Visit www.christmasinnewport.org for more information.

- Fleet and Family Support Center video, *Dealing with Conflict and Confrontation, Volume III*, Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

- Instructional seminar, "Effective Resumes," 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport; 5 p.m. United Baptist Church, Spring Street by Jesus Savior Church volunteers.

THURSDAY, Dec. 2

- Fleet and Family Support Center (841-2283)

- The Credit Process, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn how to establish credit, correct problems and rebuild credit.

- Fleet and Family Support Center video, *Yelling Threatening & Putting Down: What To Do Instead*, Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13, 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Fleet and Family Support Center

Learn how to establish, keep good credit rating

Good credit is an important part of financial planning. Establishing credit, correcting credit problems, and rebuilding good credit are important skills. A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will conduct this program at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Thursday, Dec. 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

Curb holiday spending— Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 3 to 4 p.m., to hear

suggestions on increasing holiday joy by lowering holiday expenses. Participants will be given some ideas on how they can get through the holidays without getting into debt.

Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

Have lunch and learn— Bring your lunch to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Friday, Dec. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and watch "Negative Behavior; Positive Discipline" from the Active Parenting series. Registration is not required. Just bring your lunch and enjoy the show.

Information, Tickets and Travel

New York pass has great discounts

Don't let the high cost of traveling around New York keep you from visiting the Big Apple! Passes are available for one, two, three and seven-days and start at \$35.50 per person.

Stop by the Information, Tickets & Travel Office, Building 1121 before your next trip and purchase the New York Pass... it's your pass to free admission and discount offers to over 50 of New York City's top attractions!

The pass includes places of interest, museums, behind the scene tours, retail stores, sightseeing cruises, restaurants, zoos, aquariums, parks and gardens. Along with your pass receive a 125-page reference guide with general information, maps & hot tips.

For more information visit the ITT Office or call 841-3116.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Our annual trip to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular Show will be Friday, Dec. 10. Tickets are \$110 per person and include transportation from NAVSTA Newport at 7 a.m. and return to Newport at 11 p.m.

The show is at 3:30 p.m. so there will be time for sightseeing, grab a bite to eat or shopping.

You can hold your spot with \$65 deposit, and balance is due by Dec. 1. For more information, call ITT at 841-3116.

Providence Performing Arts Center tickets at ITT

Information, Tickets and Travel has tickets for the following performances at the Performing Arts Center in Providence:

— *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$21.50 per person.

— *42nd Street*, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$49.00 per person.

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Food baskets brighten holiday for 79 families



NONPERISHABLE canned goods are packed in a cardboard box that became a holiday food basket for a military family this week.

NUMBERS GAME — Mary Neal, center, and Senior Chief Steve Pierce, Senior Enlisted Academy, check the expiration dates on nonperishable canned vegetables at the Chapel of Hope. The food was packed in holiday food baskets for military families.



By RICHARD ALEXANDER
Navalog editor

The Chapel of Hope community room was a beehive of volunteers on Monday as donated nonperishable food items were sorted and packed in Thanksgiving food baskets for needy military families.

About 35 active duty servicemembers, reservists, Department of Defense civilians, and Navy family members from several commands and schools at Naval Station Newport packed 79 cardboard boxes with food products collected from the annual holiday food drive. Turkeys and other perishables

were added later.

The first step was sorting and counting the cake mixes, sugar, soup, canned green beans and peas, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, dry stuffing mix, pie fillings and crusts, and Jello. Next, the volunteers checked the expiration dates.

Out of date canned and pre-packaged goods were discarded, but simply damaged boxes or dented cans were set aside for the taking.

Next, Senior Chief Religious Program Specialist Vicky Spencer from the Naval Chaplains School used a check list to determine which traditional food items

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BIG BIRDS DELIVERED — Religious Program Specialist First Class Michael Hawthorne from Naval Chaplains School loads 79 frozen turkeys on the checkout counter at the Newport Commissary.

Baskets

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were lacking in the collection, and would have to be purchased at the Commissary.

She has been helping at the chapel since its Religious Program Specialist Second Class Christian Bell was deployed to Iraq.

The food drive, formerly a Chapel of Hope project, has become a command project under Command Master Chief Bill Stoller. Seventeen food collection boxes were placed around NAVSTA last month and emptied twice a week.

Chaplain (Cmdr.) David Gunderlach, NAVSTA senior staff chaplain, said a special "Caring and Sharing" fund collected \$1,000 which was spent at the Commissary.

"Ava Cromwell at the Newport Commissary is really our go-to person for perishables," Chaplain Gunderlach said. "She solicits donations from vendors, and collects coupons to make the money go farther." He said \$1,500 from Sunday's religious offering fund is added in.

Cromwell said the Armed Services YMCA supplied discount coupons toward 79 Butterball turkeys which were picked up Monday morning. "We also contributed butter, milk, eggs and more stuffing," she said.

Personnelman First Class Karen Dicenso, attached to Naval Reserve Readiness Com-

mand, Northeast, said this is her first time volunteering. Dicenso, nursing a bandaged foot from an operation, got the word from her command and wanted to pitch in. Several spouses who husbands attend the Naval War College arrived as a group. One War College officer said, "This is a lot better use of my time than sitting at my desk today."

Stoller said senior enlisted members at each command help identify junior enlisted families, either in Navy family housing or in town, who seem eligible for holiday food assistance. Junior enlisted pay just doesn't go far enough for a large family, he said.

"We received a list of 30 more families on Friday," he said. "That really made the drive ratchet up a few notches."



Stoller said there are three options for delivery of the baskets. The command can pick up and deliver boxes for their own Sailors, the families themselves can stop by the chapel, or if necessary, arrangements can be made to deliver the boxes right to the family's door.

The food collection boxes will remain deployed through December for Christmas. These food baskets also will be assembled at the chapel and made available for pickup Dec. 22 and 23.



TWO BY TWO—Command Master Chief Betsy O'Brien, Senior Enlisted Academy, helps pack holiday food baskets.

Chapel of Hope December Worship Services

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Sports

Army faces Navy

Army students at the Naval War College will take on their Navy counterparts in their third annual Army-Navy Flag Football Challenge on Nimitz Field, Dec. 3 at noon.

Army won the first meeting 22-17 in the "snow bowl." Navy roared back last year and won a "squeaker" 52-47 in the last 17 seconds of the game.

"The Game" itself, between the Naval Academy of Annapolis, Md., and the Military Academy of West Point, N.Y., will be televised Dec. 4.

Locally, Army has planned a special surprise before the game this year, but details are still being worked out, Army Col. Tom Gibbons said.

Friends and relatives are welcome to wear their team colors and cheer on the players.

The Army coaches are Maj. Scott Reid and Col. Scott Ciluffo.

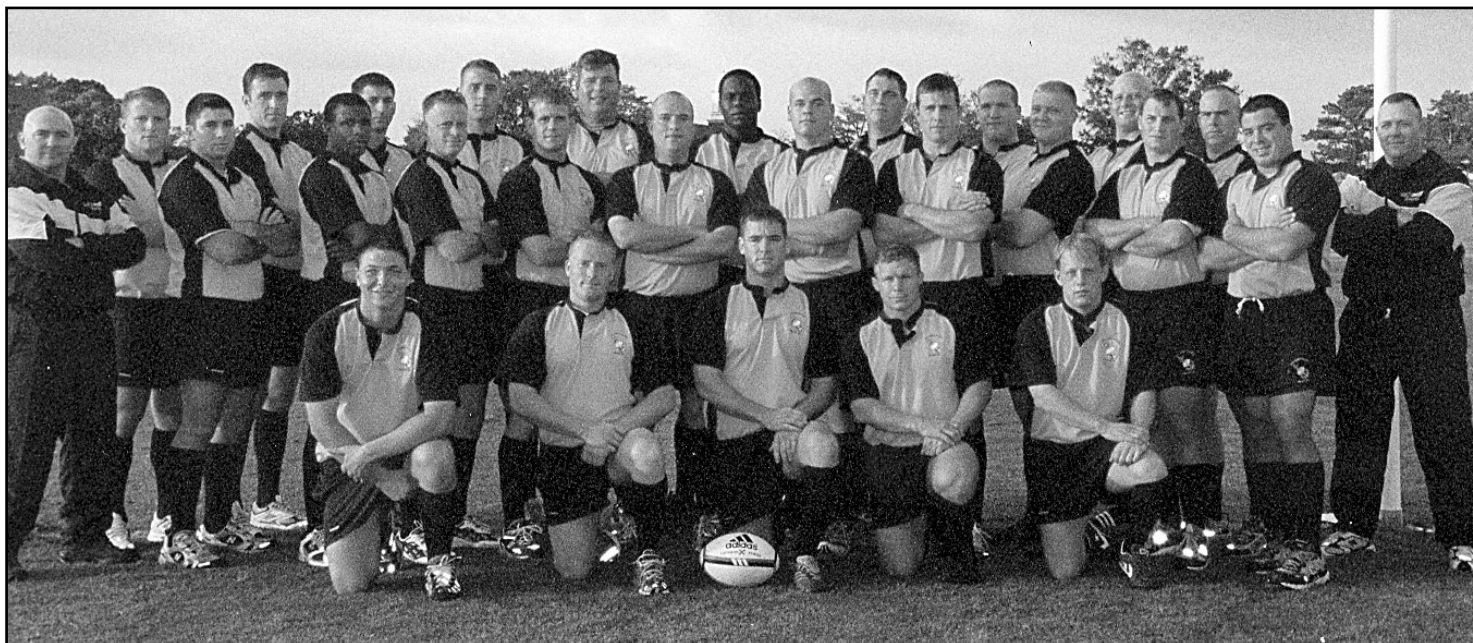
Both teams are practicing for the game and it promises to be a good event and a high scoring game, Gibbons said.

Law Dawgz take crown at NAVSTA

MIDDLETOWN— The Law Dawgz defeated Spanky and the Platters, 19-13, on Nov. 16 to win the Naval Station Newport Intramural Flag Football championships at Carr Point Recreation Area.

In preliminary rounds Nov. 10, the Law Dawgz defeated REDCOM Northeast, 21-0.

In the two semi-final games early last week, Spanky and the Platters def. NACC Devil Dogs, 27-13, and the Law Dawgz def. REDCOM Northeast, 25-24, to get to the final game played under the lights.



NAVY RUGBY — Lt. Kevin Gerrity, back row, third right, Staff Judge Advocate at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, and Lt. Pat O'Mahoney, front row, behind ball, SWOSCOLCOM Department Head School instructor, pose with the All Navy Select Rugby Team before the Armed Forces Championships gets underway in Camp Lejeune, N.C., last month.

All-Navy rugby had some local faces

By **GREG KOHLWEISS**

Navalog sports editor

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Lt. Kevin Gerrity, Staff Judge Advocate at Naval Station Newport, and Lt. Patrick O'Mahoney, SWOSCOLCOM Department Head School instructor, were selected as two of 23 players to represent the All Navy Select Rugby Team during the annual Armed Forces Championships, a three-day service-wide tournament.

The Navy camp began Oct. 8 when players from all over the world who were selected based on their rugby resumes came together to begin camp.

Lt. Gerrity has been playing rugby for the past 16 years and has played with the 2000 national champions as well as with many high level international players from such countries as South Africa, Ireland, England, France, New Zealand, Australia, Tonga and Samoa.

Lt. O'Mahoney played at the Naval Academy where he was an All-American, and has been selected for the Combined Services rugby team.

The camp consisted of two three-hour sessions every day as well as numerous classroom chalk talk sessions.

Lt. Gerrity said, "In military rugby, fitness is a must. The training was intense and the coaches did a phenomenal job in bringing the players together and crafting a team with a lot of great athletes."

The camp ended Oct. 19 with the Navy team gelling as a cohesive unit.

The tournament started on Oct. 20 with the Navy defeating the Coast Guard, 15-0. Then, in a tightly contested match the Navy defeated the Marine Corps, 15-12.

On Oct. 21 the Navy lost to the Air Force



LT. GERRITY, left, runs with the ball in a rugby match in New York several years ago.

and then turned it on in a come from behind win against Army, 22-12.

The consolation match faced the Marine Corps and the Army, with the host Marines prevailing.

During the finals, with Gerrity at full-back and O'Mahoney at fly half, Navy took it right to the Air Force. In a fast paced game that featured bone-crushing hits, Navy took off to a 12-8 half time lead.

Despite dominating the physical play for the entire game, the Navy team just could not punch the ball in, while the Air Force capitalized on all their opportunities and came away with a hard fought 23-12 victory.

Lt. Gerrity said, "This was an incredible opportunity to come together with all the branches of the service and battle on the game field."

Ski Shop

Ski Shop open

The ski season is here. Are you ready for it? The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department Ski Shop is officially open at Building 303 for the winter season.

Ski-fittings are now being taken. There is a one-time fee of \$5 per person or \$12.50 for the family. Walk-in fittings are at the discretion of the Ski Shop manager.

All boot and ski measurements will be kept on file for the entire season, making it quick and easy to reserve equipment.

Hours of operation will be Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for returns only; Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Officers' Club

Building 95, Phone 841-4821, 846-7987 or 849-3693)

Today: Lunch begins 11 a.m. at the Topside Pub, with wait staff service.

Tonight: Patrons can order from the menu until 9 p.m. The Topside Pub has National

Naval Station Newport Dining



MWR Department photo

IN HOLIDAY SPIRIT – Matthew Quinn and Friends will perform, Nutmeg & Mistle-Two, at a fabulous Christmas buffet dinner show on Dec. 10 at the Officers' Club. For tickets and more information, call 846-7987.

Trivia Network (NTN) offering interactive trivia and games all for FREE!

Thursday: Make the pilgrimage to the Officers' Club for a feast that your family will give thanks for, the annual **Thanksgiving Day Feast**, tomorrow, Nov. 25!

Enjoy an abundant appetizer and salad bar, dozens of delicious entrees, homemade breads and rolls, and a decadent pastry and dessert bar for just \$24.95 for adults, \$11.45 for children 4 to 12 (children age 3 and under are free).

The buffet will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ticket prices include gratuity and seating times must be requested when purchasing tickets. Purchase tickets at the Officers' Club Gift Shop during normal hours of operation or by phone at 846-7987, using Visa or MasterCard.

The club will be closed after the Thanksgiving meal. Sorry, no Lobster Night.

Friday: Leftovers are the best part of Thanksgiving din-

ner, so plan to enjoy a delicious turkey buffet at the Topside Pub at the Officers' Club on Friday, Nov. 26, the day after Thanksgiving.

For just \$8 per person, this **Thanksgiving leftovers buffet** will offer an all-you-can-eat feast including dessert from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. No advance tickets necessary.

The regular Friday lunch menu will be unavailable.

For more information, call the Officers' Club Gift Shop at 841-4821.

The club will close after leftovers lunch is over.

Saturday: The Topside Pub opens at 4 p.m. Patrons may order from the pub menu until 9 p.m.

Sunday: Come enjoy all-hands breakfast at the Officers' Club. It's just \$8.95 for adults and \$4.50 for children

(ages 4 to 10). Gratuity and beverages are not included.

Breakfast is served from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Enjoy your favorite breakfast menu items with spectacular views of Newport Harbor.

Upcoming events

Holiday Dinner-Dance: Welcome the holiday season with a fabulous dinner show on Friday, Dec. 10, featuring a sumptuous, traditional Christmas buffet dinner and an extra special performance of **Nutmeg & Mistle-Two** by Matthew Quinn and Friends.

Beginning at 6 p.m., enjoy delicious cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by served crab bisque and Waldorf salad.

At 6:45 p.m., you will be invited to the dinner buffet, featuring carved prime rib, clove-baked ham, fresh roasted turkey, lobster Newburg, holiday stuffing, potatoes, seasonal vegetables and more.

For dessert there are fresh-baked holiday pies served warm, and a la mode, if you

like!

From 7 to 11 p.m., enjoy the entertaining, jazz-oriented show, Nutmeg & Mistle-two. Tickets, including gratuity, are \$26.95 per person. To purchase tickets to this or other dinner shows, or for more information, call 846-7987.

Enlisted Lounges

(Recreation Center, Building 656, phone 841-3054)

Hours of operation: The Enlisted Club is usually open from 4 to 11 p.m., Wednesday to Saturday. The CPO Lounge is usually open Wednesday

and Thursday, from 4 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 4 to 11 p.m. The Pub menu is available Wednesday through Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m. Lunch service is no longer available.

Tonight: is "Wild Wings" Night from 4 to 8. Get a basket **DINING, Page 13**

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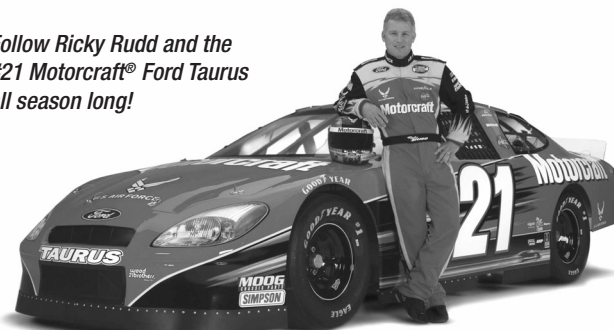
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The staff will track your progress on maps located through out the gym. Register at Gym 109, Fitness Plus or call the Athletic Office in Gym 109 at 841-7196 for more information.

Youth Basketball: Youths, ages 4 to 15, are invited to register for winter basketball, which begins on Jan. 8 and runs through March 12. Games will be played Saturdays at Gym 109 and the Newport County YMCA on Valley Road, Middletown.

The cost is \$35 per child and registration ends on Friday, Dec. 3. Register at Gym 109, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Athletic Director's Office.

Practices for youth ages 8 and up begin the week of Dec. 13 and Jan. 3 for ages 6 and 7. For more information, call Jeff Dunn at 841-7196.

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(Building 656, 841-3054)

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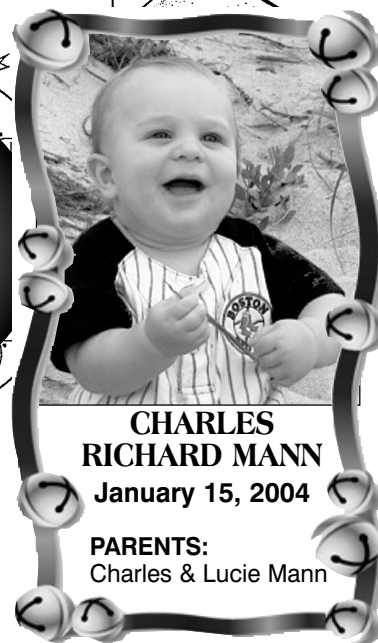
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Spofford

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a former SWOSDOC instructor, Cmdr. Gary Holst.

"The (aircraft carrier) USS Yorktown also comes to mind," she said. "It was commanded by a former SWOSDOC director and later Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Michael G. Mullen."

These events are great for seeing old friends, she said. In fact, some of the original group from SWOSDOC (1974-1978) still get together once or twice a year.

Mrs. Spofford reflected on how the Navy, its people, and its image has changed over 40 years.

"I think the Navy has a good image in Newport," she said. "The volunteering and mingling with the community benefit both. It would be better if we still had some ships here, of course, but there's only so much money available." Newport has changed a lot since she and her husband first came to Newport in 1966.

"It's gone from a Navy town; evolved to a first class tourist area," she said. "But it has the best sailing in the world, and the Navy is still part of its attraction. It's a win-win for both."

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Saturday: The club is open from 4 to 11 p.m., with Pub menu available until 8 p.m.

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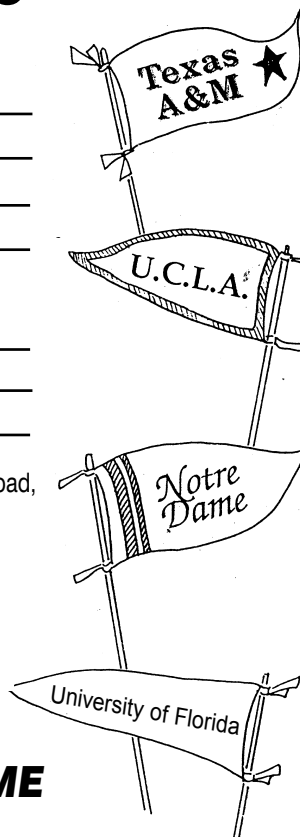
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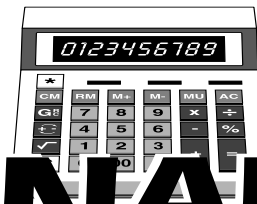
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MANAMA, Bahrain (NNS) — Sailors from guided missile destroyer USS The Sullivans assisted crew members from the damaged dhow Al Suleman Nov. 17 in the Gulf of Oman, when the vessel was seen adrift.

The 17-member crew of the dhow vessel from Karachi, Pakistan, had been under way for 21 days and adrift for 13 of them.

The auxiliary support ship USNS Pomeroy found the disabled Al Suleman while conduct-

sion since leaving home port four months ago," Brown said. "Our Sailors understand the importance of our mission and our obligation to mariners in distress."

The U.S. guided-missile destroyer deployed Aug. 20 from its homeport of Mayport, Fla. It is currently operating in the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet area of responsibility as a part of Commander, Task Force 150. This group of coalition ships is supporting the global war on terrorism, helping ensure freedom of navigation in the Horn of Africa region, the North Arabian Sea and in the Gulf of Oman.

DeCA again funds scholarship offer

FORT LEE, Va. (NNS) — The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) announced in November that the fifth year of Scholarships for Military Children is now under way.

Administered by Fisher House Foundation, and funded by the manufacturers and industry supporting commissaries, the program has awarded more than \$3 million through nearly 2,000 scholarships to the children of service members and military retirees.

"The Scholarships for Military Children program has become a major community event for commissaries since its inception five years ago," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer for the Defense Commissary Agency. "The program awarded 500 scholarships in 2004, and ceremonies were held in commissaries worldwide in honor of these outstanding students. The industry members who support this program should be proud, and we hope the fifth anniversary year will be the best yet."

Applications for the 2005 program are available at commissaries or online at www.commissaries.com, the DeCA Web site. Eligibility and other information are also available at the program Web site, www.militaryscholar.org

At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

Navy committed to funding MWR

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — While Sailors may have seen a slight increase in movie ticket prices at some base theaters or an adjustment in hours at some facilities, the doors to popular Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs will remain open.

"Rumors have been circulating that suggest the Navy is backing off on support for MWR programs. Nothing could be further from the truth," said Chris Mehrer, director, MWR Division. "But we do need to apply best business practices to avoid wasting our resources."

Consistent with Chief of Naval Operations' direction, Navy MWR's challenge is to achieve efficiencies in all programs, while sustaining core MWR quality of life services for Sailors and their families.

MWR's core programs have been identified as fitness (gyms, sports, athletics and fitness swimming), afloat recreation, single Sailor, Navy Motion Picture Service program, child development/youth and school age care, and the information, tickets and travel (ITT) program.



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A Navy Seabee assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) seals a leak on a broken pipe beside a bridge in Lutafiyah, Iraq. The Seabees and Marines of the 24th MEU are rebuilding the bridge after it was severely damaged in repeated attacks by insurgents.

ing operations in the vicinity of Salalah, Oman, and was relieved by USS The Sullivans. Sailors from The Sullivans boarded the vessel and discovered extreme damage to the dhow's main reduction gear. The U.S. Navy ship towed the vessel and coordinated a turnover with the Royal Navy of Oman to take Al Suleman in for repairs Nov. 18.

The crew of USS The Sullivans worked hard during the night to help the vessel get to safety.

"Our boarding team, boat crew, deck crew, and bridge performed superbly getting the Pakistani dhow under tow and secure, said Cmdr. Rich Brown, commanding officer of The Sullivans.

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